APPENDIX VII.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 139 asked by Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th November 1947, page 686 supra.]

Statement showing the number of ruined tanks restored in Rayalaseema with other particulars.

District.	Number of ruined tanks restored by Government in the past seven years from 1940.	The extent of the ayacut under these restored tanks.	Whether the entire ayacut has been brought under cultivation.	Whether it is a fact that the cultivators owning lands under these restored tanks find it difficult to bring the lands under cultivation immediately the tanks are restored.	Whether the question of exempting the ayacutdars from wet assessment or water-rate for a period of time to enable them to bring the land under cultivation has ever been considered and if so, what orders were passed thereon.
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		ACRES.			
1 Anantapur ..	(1) Gazulapalli tank in Penukonda taluk.	130	No	The ayacut contains undulating ground requiring lot of expenditure for reclamation and preparation of achukkattu—Ryots are being induced to reclaim the land as early as possible. Only 23·97 acres have been brought under cultivation.	Yes. Exemption from water-cess has been sanctioned for faslis 1355 to 1357, in respect of lands newly cultivated under the tank.
	(2) Theetakal tank in Kalyandrug taluk.	102·97	Yes, if second crop is included.	Out of the fixed ayacut of 102·97 acres, only an extent of 70 acres has been brought under cultivation. 20·38 acres of dry land not included in the ayacut is brought under cultivation with the tank water. (Irrigated tirvaijasti cultivation.) Second crop is cultivated on an extent of 40·57 acres. There are no proper distributory irrigation channels to the remaining wet ayacut (102·97–70) 32·97 acres. As a result, dry lands situated either in the middle or near to the wet irrigable ayacut are being irrigated with tank water.	The tank was restored in 1945. No proposals have been considered by the Government for exempting the ayacutdars from wet assessment or water-cess till now.

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		ACRES.			
2 Chittoor ..	Beerappa cheruvu in Chittoor taluk.	425	No, only 219·50 acres have been brought under cultivation.	Yes	The Government have sanctioned exemption in full of water-cess for faslis 1356 and 1357 and also of exemption of assessment on lands newly brought under cultivation after reclamation for faslis 1356 and 1357.
3 Cuddapah ..	No ruined tanks were restored by Government during the last seven years, i.e., from 1940.	..	....	....	....
4 Kurnool ..	No ruined tanks were restored during the last seven years, i.e., from 1940.	..	....	....	....
5 Bellary ..	(1) Rayapuram tank in Kudligi taluk.	Tentatively 200 acres (not finally fixed).	No. About an extent of 100 acres have been brought under cultivation.	Yes. The ayacutdars have had to attend to levelling, preserving soil for wet cultivation, manuring, etc.	In order to encourage wet cultivation under the tank, the Government have ordered that water-cess should be levied at a concessional rate of Rs. 3 per acre for a single wet crop raised under the tank in faslis 1354 to 1357.
	(2) Malappamakeri tank in Bellary taluk.	Tentatively 200 acres (not finally fixed).	No. A negligible extent has been cultivated.	Yes. The ayacut lands are saline and they require heavy manuring.	The question of exempting the ayacutdars from the payment of wet assessment or water-rate has not so far been considered. The proposals are being examined by the Collector.

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